

**R. W. PERKINS' ELECTION
SUSTAINED BY JUDGE**

Judge Reed of the superior court, who heard the court case No. 2590, Hull, state attorney, ex rel. vs. Meader et al., which was a quo warranto proceeding, raising the question as to whether or not Robert W. Perkins and others were legally elected officers and directors of the Norwich Belt Manufacturing company, several weeks ago at New London, rendered a judgment Thursday in favor of the respondents. The case, which was a somewhat unusual one, arose from the fact that Robert W. Perkins and others at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Belt company, held in January last, were elected officers and directors over the protest of H. H. Gallup, who had formerly been president of the company. The question raised by the quo warranto proceedings was as to whether or not certain shares of stock voted by the Perkins group on a proxy of one Crocker, a stockholder, were properly voted, the name having been left blank in the proxy, although the same was otherwise regularly executed; and also as to whether or not certain shares of stock which were voted by John C. Averill, as proxy for the Thames National bank, were properly voted. It was the claim of Mr. Gallup's attorneys that neither of these proxies should be allowed, the first because it was not properly executed, and the second because the bank had not authority to vote the stock, the same having been transferred to it in connection with a loan.

In his memorandum of decision Judge Reed finds that the Perkins group were legally elected officers, as they had claimed, and in the course of the opinion holds that while the Crocker shares were not legally voted, the proxy to Averill was. Consequently under the court's decision Mr. Perkins' title to the office of president is made clear, as is that of the other officers associated with him to the respective offices to which they were elected, and they are all found to have been legally elected directors.

Hull, McGuire and Hall were the attorneys for H. H. Gallup, relator, and Arthur M. Brown of Brown & James and Allyn L. Brown of Brown & Perkins were attorneys for Robert W. Perkins et al., the respondents.

**STATE ROADS ARE
IN GOOD CONDITION**

Trunk highways in Connecticut are reported in good condition by the chief roadman of the Automobile club of America, who after a recent survey of New England roads, made a report in which he said:

The Boston Post road between New York and New Haven is free from road construction and in good condition. From New Haven, through Saybrook to New London, it is also very good, and the old railroad bridge at New London, which was bought over by the municipality, we are in hopes will be ready for vehicular traffic about Aug. 1, as the approaches, both on the New London and Groton sides,

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are now being constructed and when finished will eliminate the delay caused by the ferry across to Groton. However, the ferries are now being operated by the municipality and two good sized boats are running, giving excellent service. The road is under construction between Groton and Poquonoc and in a few days will be entirely closed.

An excellent alternate detour route which will serve as a detour is to continue straight down to Eastern Point and then around over the Shore road to Poquonoc, which is good macadam. There is also a good macadam road which follows the beach all the way around into Mystic which eliminates Fort Hill entirely. From there on all the way to Providence the road is in good condition, providing the motorist goes from Wakefield to East Greenwich over the Tower Hill road.

Some construction work is going on between Narragansett Pier and Saunderson, where a fair detour has been provided, and should be finished before

the touring season is well under way. From Providence to Boston the road is in excellent condition and from New Haven through Meriden and over the Berlin turnpike to Hartford is in good condition also. The route from Watertown to Hartford via Southington mountain and Plainville is good, as is also the direct cross connection between Watertown and Middletown via Milford and Meriden.

**C. E. SOCIETY FAVORS
WAR TIME PROHIBITION**
(Special to The Bulletin.)
Washington, D. C., June 5.—Senator George P. McLean of Connecticut presented the following petitions to the senate today:

Petition from the employees of the Oakville Company of Waterbury, Conn., favoring the continuance of the Daylight Saving Law.

Petitions from the Methodist Episcopal church of Stratford, Conn.; The Mary Taylor Memorial Methodist

Episcopal church of Milford, Conn.; The Methodist Episcopal church of South Manchester, Conn.; citizens of Ridgefield, Conn.; North M. E. Church Society of Manchester, Ct.; the M. E. church of South Farms, of Middletown, Conn.; the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Congregational church of Norwich, Conn.; and the Plantsville Baptist church of Plantsville, Conn., all favoring the war-time prohibition law and protesting against its repeal.

Petition from citizens of Branford, Conn., favoring the idea of a League of Nations.

Petitions from the Connecticut State Grange of Suffield, Conn.; and citizens of Guilford, Conn., favoring the repeal of the Daylight Saving Law.

And a petition from the Congregational Church of Wauregan, Conn., protesting against the proposed repeal of the wartime prohibition law.

**SPRING CONFERENCE
OF COUNTY W. C. T. U.**
The spring conference of the Woman's Christian Temperance union of New London county was held Wednesday at the Congregational church in Pawcatuck. Seven unions were represented at the meeting.

The meeting was opened at 10 a. m. with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Fuller, editor of the White Ribbon Banner, followed by greetings by the president, Mrs. Hall of the Pawcatuck union. There were also addresses by Mrs. Jason L. Randall of Groton and reports from the secretary and treasurer, also superintendents of various departments. The principal speakers were Mrs. Buell, state president, and Rev. Mr. McDonald, pastor of the church, who spoke eloquently and encouragingly giving inspiration along all lines of the union's work.

One of the best reports of the million dollar drive was given by Mrs.

Walter M. Slocum, president of New London union.

There were instrumental duets, solos and singing, with remarks and suggestions by members of the unions.

After the noonday prayer, led by Mrs. Buell, a fine luncheon was served and a collection was taken to start the drive for the Pawcatuck union.

The session closed at 4, with the W. C. T. U. benediction, after spending one of the pleasantest days of the union's gatherings.

**DISCUSS SUFFRAGE CAMPAIGN
PLANS THIS AFTERNOON**
The generals, captains and workers in the campaign for \$100,000 for suffrage and citizenship work will meet this (Friday) afternoon at the Community Center for Girls at 3 o'clock. Plans will be perfected and Miss Ludington, president of the Connecticut Suffrage association, will be present to address the meeting.

The federal suffrage amendment has passed the senate and ratification is a foregone conclusion. The citizenship program is essential to prepare the 350,000 women of Connecticut for the new duties which will soon be theirs.

**BIRTH REGISTRATION
HELPED BY LETTERS**
The practice in the state department of health of sending letters to mothers of foreign nationality, who may not be familiar with the requirements relating to registration, on the birth of their children, reminding them of the desirability of having the children registered, has had the effect of securing a more complete registration than heretofore. The communication from the department contains a pamphlet giving instructions to the mother in the methods of physical treatment of her child which will be conducive to its health and comfort. The practice contributes to the lessening of the rate of infant mortality in the state.

The practice had a result in a case

on Tuesday that was as gratifying to the department as it was unusual. In the mail that was received in the department was a letter from a woman in Waterbury enclosing her child's certificate of the birth of her child who was born in 1917 and which had never been registered. The woman requested one of the cards which the department sends with its communications to mothers. Her letter was the first official notice of the birth of her child and but for the desire of the mother to possess one of the department's cards the birth might never have been officially registered. It seems that the midwife instead of giving the certificate to the local registrar of vital statistics, gave it to the mother who kept it, thinking that she was carrying out the purpose of the law in retaining possession of the document.

It is supposed that one of her neighbors who had received a card from the state department of health showed the card to her and suggested that she was entitled to one, too. She, therefore, made her claim on the department for a card, and sent the certificate to substantiate her claim. The department replied at once by sending the woman a card. The certificate of the birth was sent to the registrar in Waterbury.

The importance of having a more complete registration of births in this state was brought forcibly to the attention of the authorities of Connecticut during the recent draft work when in many instances a difficulty was encountered in determining the age of a draftee because of the fact that his birth was not registered. The department of health is alive to the importance of having a more perfect system of birth registration in the state.

**NEW LONDON BANK
HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING**
At a meeting of the stockholders of the Union Bank and Trust Co. held at the bank building in New London

Thursday morning the following directors were elected:

William B. Colt, Charles H. Klink, Edward T. Brown, Carlos Barry, Alfred Colt, Lucius E. Whiton, Benjamin L. Armstrong, Charles E. White, James Bathgate.

Immediately following their election, the directors met and elected officers as follows:

President, William B. Colt; vice president, Charles H. Klink; cashier, Carlos Barry; assistant cashier, Edward Bull, Jr.; assistant cashier and paying teller, Joseph A. Stanners; receiving teller, Malcolm M. Scott; bookkeeper, John Masterton; clerk, Isham C. Rosa.

**CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
GIVEN SEVERE BEATING**

As a result of having been attacked and beaten by three sailors and a chief petty officer on State street, New London, near Green, shortly after 11:30 Wednesday night Chief Radio Electrician H. Grubbs, attached to the Aviation corps at the Naval Experimental station at Fort Neck, is confined to the naval hospital, suffering from numerous cuts and bruises on his face and body. Chief Grubbs was quietly making his way up State street towards the Knights of Columbus home on Huntington street where he is residing, when he was set upon by the three sailors and the C. P. O. The chief and two of the sailors held Chief Grubbs, while the third sailor administered a brutal beating to the helpless man.

Grubbs was finally able to break away from his assailants and was barely able to make his way to the Knights of Columbus home, where he made his report of the affair. Several sailors and a chief yeoman and a chief storekeeper, personal friends of the assaulted chief, started downtown in search of his assailants but did not find them. Chief Grubbs was removed to the naval hospital where he was given treatment.

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